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SUBJ: ADDERLEY POSITIVE ON LOS CONFERENCE

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1. FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM GENEVA LOS SESSION, GCOB MINEXT-AFF ADDERLEY TOLD LOCAL PRESS HE WAS "SATISFIED" WITH DRAFT ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLES DISCUSSED THERE. HE SAID "THERE WAS NO OPPOSITION TO PRINCIPLE" OF SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR MID-OCEAN ARCHIPELAGOS AMONG NATIONS DISCUSSING ISSUE, "ALTHOUGH THERE REMAIN SOME DIFFERENCES AS TO HOW THE ISLANDS OF THE ARCHIPELAGO OUGHT TO BE ENCLOSED AND WHAT LAWS OUGHT TO APPLY TO SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT WHICH PASS THROUGH PASSAGES IN THE ARCHIPELAGO."

2. ADDERLEY SAID THAT IF DRAFT ARCHIPELAGO ARTICLES PRODUCED IN GENEVA BECOME PART OF LOS FINAL TREATY "IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DRAW BASE LINES TO ENCLOSE THE BAHAMIAN ARCHIPELAGO, INCLUDING THE CAY SAL BANK, ALMOST EXACTLY THE WAY WE WOULD
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WISH TO DO." HE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT DRAFT ARTICLES "WOULD

PROVIDE FOR FREEDOM OF PASSAGE FOR SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT THROUGH NORMAL PASSAGE ROUTES USED FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION AND OVERFLIGHT, SUCH AS THE NW AND NE PROVIDENCE CHANNELS", SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF DRAFT.

3. ADDERLEY ATTACKED CRITICS OF LOS CONFERENCE RESULTS THUS FAR, SAYING SUCH CRITICISMS DO NOT TAKE INTO "ACCOUNT THE NECESSITY FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES TO ARRIVE AT NOT JUST MAJORITY AGREEMENT BUT WIDE GENERAL AGREEMENT WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION, WHICH," HE SAID, "IS THE OBJECTIVE OF DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS ALIKE." "THIS PROCESS TAKES TIME," HE SAID, "WHEN A CONFERENCE SEEKS TO RESOLVE THE LEGITIMATELY CONFLICTING INTERESTS OF OVER 100 SOVEREIGN STATES."

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4. COMMENT: WHILE ADDERLEY'S RECENT REMARKS MUST BE REGARDED AS A WELCOME REFLECTION OF HIS POSITIVE AND REALISTIC MOOD, EMBASSY BELIEVES WE SHOULD ALSO KEEP IN MIND THAT HE IS LIKELY TO VIEW FUTURE DISCUSSIONS ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS BASES AND SPINY LOBSTER AGAINST BACKGROUND OF WHAT HE SEES AS USG SUPPORT FOR BAHAMIAN ARCHIPELAGO. WHILE HE NO DOUBT RECOGNIZES, INTELLECTUALLY, USG EXPLICIT INSISTENCE ON THE CONTINGENT NATURE OF THAT SUPPORT WITHIN CONTEXT BROADER LOS RESULTS, INSTINCTIVELY IF NOT TACTICALLY HE IS LIKELY TO REGARD ARCHIPELAGO ISSUE AS "SETTLED" BILATERALLY AND MAY WELL WISH "TO GO ON FROM THERE" TOO FAST AND TOO SOON. IN THAT EVENT, USG WILL HAVE TO PLAY A RESTRAINING ROLE IN DAMPENING HIS ENTHUSIASM FOR WHAT HE MAY SEE AS A FAIT ACCOMPLI.

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